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REPORT

TOPIC Schoenwalde Airfield

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REFERENCES PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

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This is UNEVALUATED
Information

1. Between 25 September and 8 October 1954, there was repeatedly individual flying by one or two Po-2s at day and night at Schoenwalde airfield. The aircraft usually flew over the Kremmen state forest. Between 8 and 18 October except for Saturdays and Sundays, 2 Po-2s practiced daily flying. During daytime one Po-2 practiced take-offs and landings and made flights of up to one hour duration. At night, 2 Po-2s made flights of one hour duration at intervals of 15 minutes. The aircraft had set position lights. Obstacle lights were in operation.

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2. Between 27 and 30 September, trucks both of them with drivers wearing black-bordered blue epaulets and truck with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen at the field.

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3. On 7 and 8 October, biplanes practiced flying until 2000, the AA gun emplacements in the northwestern corner and the eastern corner of the field were unoccupied. ¹

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4. Between 1030 and 1610 on 2 October, there was no air activity. About 25 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and artillery insignia were seen in the guardhouse at the main entrance to the field. Four square "house tents" which were apparently unoccupied were seen at the western boundary north of the main gate. The barracks appeared to be occupied. Eighty to 100 soldiers who carried full pack practiced firing at practice targets with semiautomatic rifles at the target range west of the Falkensee-Boetzow road. An AA 4 MK 3 type radar set and a Fishnet-type radar set were seen. It could not be determined if a radio truck was parked near the Fishnet-type set or not. Truck with driver wearing red-bordered black epaulets was at the field. A sketch of the field was furnished. ²

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1. Comment. The Po-2s stationed at Schoenwalde airfield are believed believed to belong to the detail equipped with Po-2s which is stationed at Oranienburg airfield. Motor vehicles were previously observed in Oranienburg. Flights made over the Kremmen training grounds indicate that the Po-2s were involved in exercises held by units of the 31st AAA Div.




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 Comment. The radar sets were reported for the first time. It is believed that they belong to a unit of the 31st AAA Div. 


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